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1. BACKGROUND INFO DRAWN FROM SITREPS PREPARED FOR  
SECRETARY FOLLOWS:

2. SYRIAN FRONT: NEWS AGENCIES REPORTED SYRIAN MILITARY  
SOURCES AS SAYING FIERCE FIGHTING AND A QUOTE MAJOR NEW  
SYRIAN COUNTEROFFENSIVE UNQUOTE WAS UNDERWAY LAST NIGHT  
IN THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL SECTORS OF THE GOLAN.  
HOWEVER, EUROPEAN ATTACHE WHO LEFT DAMASCUS OCTOBER 18  
SAID THAT AT LEAST 60 PERCENT OF SYRIAN FORCES HAVE BEEN  
DESTROYED AND THAT ISRAEL HAS CUT IDF TO 3-4 BRIGADES ON  
SYRIAN FRONT. IDF SPOKESMAN CLAIMS THAT SYRIAN FRONT  
IS RELATIVELY QUIET NOW, SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN COUNTER-  
ATTACK APPARENTLY HAVING RUN OUT OF STEAM. JORDANIANS  
ARE REPORTED TO BE MOVING REPLACEMENT TROOPS INTO  
SYRIAN THEATER AND ARE UNDER STRONG PRESSURE TO

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COMMIT ANOTHER BRIGADE TO WAR. HUSSEIN IS REPORTED TO BE  
RESISTING FOR TIME BEING. ISRAEL IS REPORTED TO BE MOVING  
ARMOR FROM SYRIAN TO EGYPTIAN FRONTS.

3. REPORTS FROM ISRAEL INDICATED WIDESPREAD FEDAYEEN SHELLING ON LEBANESE FRONTIER CAUSING FIRES AND CASUALTIES YESTERDAY. LAST NIGHT THERE WERE FURTHER EXCHANGES OF

FIRE BETWEEN FEDAYEEN AND ISRAELIS BUT ISRAEL CLAIMED NO CASUALTIES AND LITTLE DAMAGE INCURRED.

EGYPTIAN FRONT: IN CONTRAST TO EBULLIENT MOOD THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED RECENT IDF BRIEFINGS ON SUEZ FRONT. IDF SPOKESMAN AT EVENING BRIEFING ON OCTOBER 19 WAS SUBDUED WHEN DESCRIBING LATEST SITUATION. HE REPORTED ISRAELI FORCE ON WEST BANK OF CANAL IS MEETING STIFF RESISTANCE. TWO OF THREE PRONGS OF ISRAELI THRUST WEST OF CANAL ARE STALLED -- ATTEMPT TO MOVE SOUTH TOWARD SUEZ CITY, AND THRUST IN SOUTH-WESTERLY DIRECTION TO CUT CAIRO-SUEZ RAIL AND ROAD COMMUNICATION. IDF BRIEFER SAID 200 TO 250 EGYPTIAN TANKS ARE OPPOSING ISRAELI WEST BANK FORCE AND EGYPTIAN ARTILLERY EAST OF CANAL HAS STARTED FIRING TO THE WEST IN SUPPORT OF EGYPTIAN DEFENDERS. ALTHOUGH SITUATION IS UNCLEAR IDF BRIEFER NOTED FOR FIRST TIME THAT QUOTE ISRAELIS ARE TAKING CASUALTIES. UNQUOTE. SENIOR ISRAELI MOD OFFICIAL BELIEVES OCTOBER 20 MAY BE KEY IN DETERMINING HOW LONG EGYPTIANS CAN CONTINUE. PRESS FROM BOTH TEL AVIV AND CAIRO THIS MORNING IS REPORTING THAT MAJOR TANK BATTLE CONTINUES ON EAST BANK OF CANAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR. ISRAELI GENERAL IS QUOTED IN PRESS AS SAYING THAT EGYPTIANS ARE USING RUSSIAN TACTICS -- MASSIVE ATTACKS -- AND ENORMOUS LOSS OF MANPOWER. EGYPTIANS FIGHTING A SUICIDE FIGHT. UNQUOTE.

4. CASUALTIES: ALTHOUGH REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING, DIA ESTIMATES CASUALTIES AND LOSSES THROUGH OCTOBER 19 AS:

	ARABS	ISRAELIS
PERSONNEL (KIA/WIA)	15,500	4,000
TANKS	1,800	870
AIRCRAFT	360	110
SHIPS	30	1

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5. SOVIET AIRLIFT. SOVIET AIRLIFT REACHED NEW HIGH OCTOBER 19. APPROXIMATELY 102 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT LANDED OR WERE ENROUTE BRINGING 10-DAY TOTAL TO ESTIMATED 613 FLIGHTS. EGYPT RECEIVED BULK OF FLIGHTS ON OCTOBER 19.

6. ARAB RELATIONS WITH US: BAHRAIN HAS SERVED NOTICE THAT IT IS ENDING MIDEASTFOR STATION AGREEMENT. BAHRAIN FORNMIN SAYS HIS GOVERNMENT WILL HONOR PROVISION FOR ONE YEAR NOTICE BUT PREFERS MORE RAPID US DEPARTURE. IN EXPLANATION OF MOVE, FON MIN CITED DIFFICULTY OF HAVING US PRESENCE IN BAHRAIN WHILE, HE SAID, US INTERVENTION IN

ME WAS BEING DEMONSTRATED BY SUBMISSION OF BILL TO CONGRESS FOR LARGE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL. THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO US SHIPS IN BAHRAIN PORT; COMMANDER MIDEASTFOR IS NOW ON VISIT SINGAPORE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 550 AMERICANS INCLUDING DEPENDENTS IN BAHRAIN WITH COMIDEASTFOR.

7. ARAB REACTIONS AGAINST US CITIZENS CONTINUES RESTRAINED IN MOST CAPITALS, BUT SANAA REPORTS INCREASING ANTI-AMERICAN FEELING DUE TO US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. ARAB PUBLIC GENERALLY IS NOT YET AWARE OF EXTENT OF EGYPTIAN REVERSES ON BATTLEFIELD AND SANAA, TRIPOLI AND CAIRO ALL ESTIMATE THAT WHEN THIS INFORMATION BECOMES KNOWN POSSIBILITY OF ACTION AGAINST US CITIZENS LIKELY TO INCREASE.

8. ACTING FONMIN FAHMI SUMMONED FRENCH, BRITISH AND SWISS AMBASSADORS IN CAIRO AND INFORMED THEM THAT EGYPT WILL NOT ACCORD CITIZENS OF NONCOMBATANT STATES WHO PARTICIPATE IN THE CURRENT BATTLE AND ARE CAPTURED, PROTECTION PROVIDED UNDER THE GENEVA AGREEMENT. EGYPT WILL TREAT THEM AS MERCENARIES.

9. ZAYYAT IN NEW YORK. ZAYYAT REPORTEDLY MET SEPARATELY WITH SOVIET UN AMBASSADOR AND PRC AMBASSADOR HUANG HUA ON EVENING OF OCTOBER 19. ZAYYAT SAID THAT HIS LATEST INFO FROM HAAEZ ISMAIL IN CAIRO WAS THAT SYRIANS WERE MAKING AN OFFENSIVE AND FIERCE BATTLE IN EGYPT WAS ENTERING

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FIFTH DAY AND OUTCOME UNKNOWN. ZAYYAT SAID THAT HE HAD NO CURRENT POLITICAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAIRO. HE SAID THAT NIGERIAN UN AMBASSADOR HAD ADVISED HIM AFTER MEETING WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER THAT USG WOULD INTRODUCE RESOLUTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL BY MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK. ASKING FOR CEASE-FIRE AND QUICK ACTION ON PRINCIPLES OF RESOLUTION 242.

10. LIBYA SUSPENDS OIL EXPORTS TO US. LIBYAN RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT THE LARG IS SUSPENDING OIL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. LIBYA ALSO UNILATERALLY RAISED THE POSTED PRICE OF 40 DEGREE CRUDE OIL FROM 4.58 DOLS. TO 8.92 DOLS. LIBYA AND ABU DHABI ARE THE TWO STATES THUS FAR THAT HAVE ANNOUNCED EMBARGOS ON SHIPMENTS TO US (ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 380,000 BBL/DAY DIRECT SHIPMENTS TO U.S.)

11. PRESSURE ON ARAB MODERATES INCREASING. AFTER RECENT SILENCE ON SUBJECT, MEDIA IN ALGERIA, IRAQ AND LIBYA HAVE BEGUN TO CRITICIZE JORDAN FOR FAILING TO OPEN ANOTHER FRONT. BAGHDAD MEDIA HAS ALSO CRITICIZED KING FAYSAL FOR HIS FAILURE TO COMPLETELY CUTOFF SAUDI OIL TO U.S.

12. SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE. THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED THE SECRETARY'S DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW AT 0030 EDT., OCTOBER 20. GERALD WARREN ANNOUNCED THAT DOBRYNIN AND SISCO AMONGST OTHERS (UNIDENTIFIED) WERE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY.

13. REACTIONS TO SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW: IN APPARENT REACTION TO SECRETARY'S TRIP ISRAELI DEF MIN DAYAN SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT PROPOSE THAT STATE OF ISRAEL SEEK A CEASEFIRE. ON OTHER HAND IF APPEAL CAME FROM ARAB STATES FOR EITHER RETURN TO PREVIOUS LINES OR A CEASEFIRE IN PLACE, DAYAN SAID HE DID NOT THINK ISRAEL WOULD BE IN POSITION TO SAY IT OPPOSES CEASEFIRE AND WANTS CONTINUATION OF WAR. IN A TELEVISION INTERVIEW BEFORE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW WAS ANNOUNCED, DAYAN SAID QUOTE I ABSOLUTELY REJECT THE IDEA THAT THE WAR WILL END BY THE SUPERPOWERS COMPELLING THE END OF THE WAR. I REJECT IT. I DON'T LIKE IT. AND I HOPE IT WON'T HAPPEN -- THAT

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RUSSIA AND AMERICA WILL SAY, QUOTE NOW, YOU BOYS STOP IT. UNQUOTE. THAT REALLY WON'T GET ANY PRACTICAL RESULT. EGYPTIAN NEWSPAPER AL AHAM OCT. 20 SAID RETURN TO NO-PEACE-NO-WAR SITUATION NO LONGER POSSIBLE AND THAT ONLY PATH OPEN IS "LAWFUL WAR UNTIL LAWFUL PEACE, IS ACHIEVED.

14. ISRAELI POLITICAL MOOD. EMBASSY TEL AVIV REPORTS THAT ISRAELI HOMEFRONT IS HOLDING UP WELL. NECESSARY SERVICES ARE BEING MAINTAINED AND THERE IS NO SHORTAGE OF ESSENTIAL FOODSTUFFS OR SUPPLIES. EMBASSY BELIEVES US RESUPPLY HAS STRENGTHENED MEIR AND GOI DOMESTICALLY, AND, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING, STILLED DISSATISFACTION OVER FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE ARAB THREAT. HOWEVER, POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MOOD APPEARS TO SUPPORT IDF CARRYING THROUGH BATTLE TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION. EMBASSY BELIEVES GOI FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO ACCEPTANCE OF ANY CEASEFIRE IS LIMITED. RUSH

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